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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary 445 12th Street SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: Comment of League of Minnesota Cities in the Matter of Applications of Comcast Corp. and Time Warner Cable Inc. for Consent to Transfer Control of Licenses and Authorizations, MB Docket No. 14-57

Dear Secretary Dortch:

This letter/comment is respectfully submitted on behalf of the membership of the League of Minnesota Cities, including in particular, those Minnesota cities identified below.

As you may be aware, a number of communities in Minnesota are directly affected by the Time Warner-Comcast-Charter-Midwest Cable transactions you are reviewing. We understand that in its public interest showing, Comcast has justified the merger in part by stating that it intends to spin-off cable systems in the Midwest to a company it created, Midwest Cable, so that Comcast controls less than 30% of the nation's video subscribers. The Midwest Cable systems will effectively be operated by Charter Communications. (See, for example, the April 8, 2014 Redacted Public Interest Showing, pp. 4-6, suggesting spin-off mitigates risks to video and broadband markets and risks to consumers).

Many Minnesota communities and communities elsewhere are in the process of reviewing the Midwest Cable transaction, and have retained a financial consultant to review the transaction. The consultant has just submitted a report indicating that neither Charter, nor Midwest Cable, nor Comcast has provided information sufficient to show that Charter or Midwest Cable are financially qualified to take over the proposed Comcast spin-off systems or take on responsibility for operating them. Among other things, the consultants pointed out that the viability of the transaction depends on information Comcast has thus far refused to disclose, and on agreements relating to system operations that have yet to be finalized. We are told that more information may be provided to Minnesota communities at the end of September, 2014.

At this stage, therefore, there is no reason for your analysis to assume that the spin-off will be approved or that it or related transactions will move forward. For purposes of the public interest analysis, you should assume the reverse. We will let you know if matters change.

(Cities listed on reverse)

Respectfully submitted,

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Cities specifically joining in comments of the League of Minnesota Cities

1.	Minneapolis	25.	Ramsey
2.	Bloomington	26.	Anoka
3.	Eagan	27.	Arden Hills
4.	Fridley	28.	Little Canada
5.	Hastings	29	Falcon Heights
6.	St. Louis Park	30.	Mounds View
7.	Inver Grove Heights	31.	Roseville
8.	Lilydale	32.	Lauderdale
9.	Mendota	33.	New Brighton
10.	Mendota Heights	34.	St. Anthony Village
11.	Sunfish Lake	35.	Blaine
12.	South St. Paul	36.	Centerville
13.	West St. Paul	37.	Circle Pines
14.	Eden Prairie	38.	Ham Lake
15.	Edina	39.	Lexington
16.	Hopkins	40.	Lino Lakes
17.	Minnetonka	41.	Spring Lake Park
18.	Richfield	42.	Cottage Grove
19.	Shakopee	43.	Grey Cloud Island Township
20.	New Prague	44.	Newport
21.	Burnsville	45.	St. Paul Park
22.	Oak Grove	46.	Woodbury
23.	Andover	47.	Coon Rapids
24.	Champlin	48.	Columbia Heights